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FM HAL SONNENFELD, LONDON 695

I SAW JOHN HUNT THIS AFTERNOON AS I MENTIONED TO YOU. HE SAYS DEFENSE REVIEW HAS GONE THROUGH DEFENCE COMMITTEE AND HAD FIRST CONSIDERATION IN CABINET YESTERDAY. THEY ARE PLANNING FURTHER CONSIDERATION TODAY AFTER OTHER BUSINESS. HIS HOPE IS THAT THIS WILL COMPLETE ACTION BUT THERE MAY HAVE TO BE ADDITIONAL SESSION. FOLLOWING THAT, PERHAPS IN DAY OR TWO, WILSON WILL SEND CABINET LINE MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT PROPOSING BILATERAL CONSULTATION WITH HUNT IN WASHINGTON NOVEMBER 12. UK WOULD ALSO CONSULT WITH FRG BILATERALLY BUT WITH NO ONE ELSE. THEY WOULD THEN PROPOSE TO LUNS THAT THERE BE NATO CONSULTATIONS NOVEMBER 29, BEFORE NATO MINISTERIALS IN DECEMBER.

HUNT SAYS BRITISH TEAM WOULD BE PREPARED TO STAY IN WASHINGTON OVERNIGHT TILL NOVEMBER 13 IF HE WISHED TO GIVE THEM REACTIONS. OTHERWISE THEY WOULD PLAN TO LEAVE NOVEMBER 12. HUNT WONDERED HOW HE WOULD LIKE TO ORGANIZE CONSULTATION, WHETHER, FOR EXAMPLE, IT WOULD BE JOINTLY WITH STATE AND DEFENSE. I THINK THEY WOULD PREFER THIS TO SEPARATE PRESENTATIONS. THEY OBVIOUSLY HOPE TO SEE KISSINGER AND SCHLESINGER. THEY WOULD ALSO BE PREPARED TO MAKE MORE TECHNICAL PRESENTATIONS SEPARATELY AT DEFENSE. HUNT INDICATED HE MIGHT LIKE TO SEE HENRY ALONE BRIEFLY TO GIVE HIM POLITICAL OVERVIEW. HUNT STRESSED THEY WANT TO ACCOMMODATE US ON PROCEDURE. THEY ALSO RECOGNIZE HENRY MAY NOT BE ABLE TO GIVE THEM GREAT DEAL OF TIME.

HUNT DID NOT GO INTO SUBSTANCE OF REVIEW AND I DID NOT PRESS HIM. HE DID SAY IN REPLY TO MY QUESTION THAT THEY DID NOT APPROACH REVIEW WITH FIXED RESOURCE ALLOCATION OR PERCENTAGE

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OF GNP BUT RATHER ON BASIS OF CAREFUL LOOK AT BRITAIN'S ROLE IN THE WORLD AND HERE SECURITY INTERESTS. HE STRESSED, HOWEVER, THAT THE INTENT WAS TO PRODUCE MAJOR SAVINGS.

HUNT SAID THEY HAD NOT MADE FINAL DECISIONS AND WANTED GENUINE CONSULTATIONS WITH US BEFORE FREEZING PLANS. HOWEVER, IT IS PRETTY CLEAR THAT THEIR BASIC DECISIONS WILL HAVE BEEN MADE.

HUNT RAISED ONE SPECIFIC POINT: HAD WE MADE ANY STUDY OF HOW WE SAW THE UK ROLE IN CYPRUS, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] BUT HE SAID THEY WANTED TO APPROACH THEIR ROLE ON THE ISLAND IN TERMS OF ITS WIDER POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS AND IF THEY COULD SAVE MONEY THERE THEY CLEARLY WANT TO DO SO. YOU MAY WANT TO GET SOMETHING STARTED [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SO WE CAN SPEAK INTELLIGENTLY TO BRITISH TEAM WHEN THEY RAISE THIS.

I MENTIONED TO HUNT OUR INTEREST IN AN EXPLANATORY MEMO ON THE MATTER YOU DISCUSSED WITH SYKES AND HE AGREED TO SUPPLY IT. HE SAID THE MATTER HAD GONE THROUGH AGONIZING DRAFTING HERE.

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